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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: Nick Mamalakis Collection of the Savannah Greek Community

Date: 1982-1992

Extent: 1 Box

Collector: Mamalakis, Nick John, 1913-2005

Language: English

Repository: Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. specolle@georgiasouthern.edu. 912-478-7819. library.georgiasouthern.edu.

Processing Note: Collection previously known as Nick Mamalakis Greek Community Material. Finding aid revised in 2020.

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ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History: Nicholas John Mamalakis, born in Savannah, GA on November 27, 1913, died on June 15th at the age of 91. Mr. Mamalakis was the fourth child of eight children born to the late John E. Mamalakis and Demetra K. Mamalakis who immigrated to Savannah from Rodakino, Crete and Piraeus, Greece respectively. Mr. Mamalakis was a 1932 graduate of Savannah High School. With the eruption of World War II, Nick enlisted in the United States Navy where he served "with distinction" in the Naval Intelligence Service for four and a quarter years. Upon his return to the United States, Nick resumed his career with Mercer General Insurance & Realty Company, which he later owned. During his 50 years in business he served on the boards of the Georgia Department of Industry Trade and Tourism, the World Congress Center, Savannah Economic Development Authority, Savannah Port Authority Economic Development Committee, the Savannah Port Authority and as a Trustee of Armstrong Atlantic State University. He received the Edgar Dunlap Award, Outstanding Service to the Community beyond the scope of the profession by the GA State Insurance Agents Association. In 2000, he was inducted into the Savannah Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame. Mr. Mamalakis was a member of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church and has held laity positions both locally and with the National Church. He is the first American born member of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church Parish to be elected to the Parish Council. He served on the Planning Committee, which led to the acquisition of the historic Lawton Memorial building for its Sanctuary and also the building of the Hellenic Center complex. Mr. Mamalakis served for 30 years on the Archdiocesan Council under both Archbishops Michael and Iakovos. In 2004, the Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for Originating the Archdiocesan Pension and Health Plans honored him. Mr. Mamalakis was active in many civic organizations including the Johnny Mercer Foundation, Lions Club of Savannah, Rotary Club, Victor B. Jenkins Memorial Boy's Club and was a founding trustee of the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame among many others. Mr. Mamalakis is a recipient of the General James Oglethorpe Award presented by the Chamber of Commerce to an individual for outstanding community service. In 1999, Mr. Mamalakis was the first recipient from the south awarded Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which is given for outstanding service to the United States of America. Mr. Mamalakis was an excellent example of a servant leader and is the namesake for the emerging leaders program on the Armstrong Campus of Georgia Southern University.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of items relates to a speech given by Nick Mamalakis in 1983. It holds news clippings and text of the speech on Savannah's Greek community.

Acquisitions Info: Gift of Nick Mamalakis, 1994.

Access Points:

Nick Mamalakis

Mamalakis, Nick

Greek Americans -- Georgia -- Savannah

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CONTAINER LISTING

Box 1: 0200105009837

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Report; "Mamalakis Speech to Savannah Rotary (10/3/1983)	1	1
Letters to Esther Mallard and John Nicholas McLaughlin and a draft of the Mamalakis Speech	1	2
News Articles concerning the Mamalakis Speech	1	3